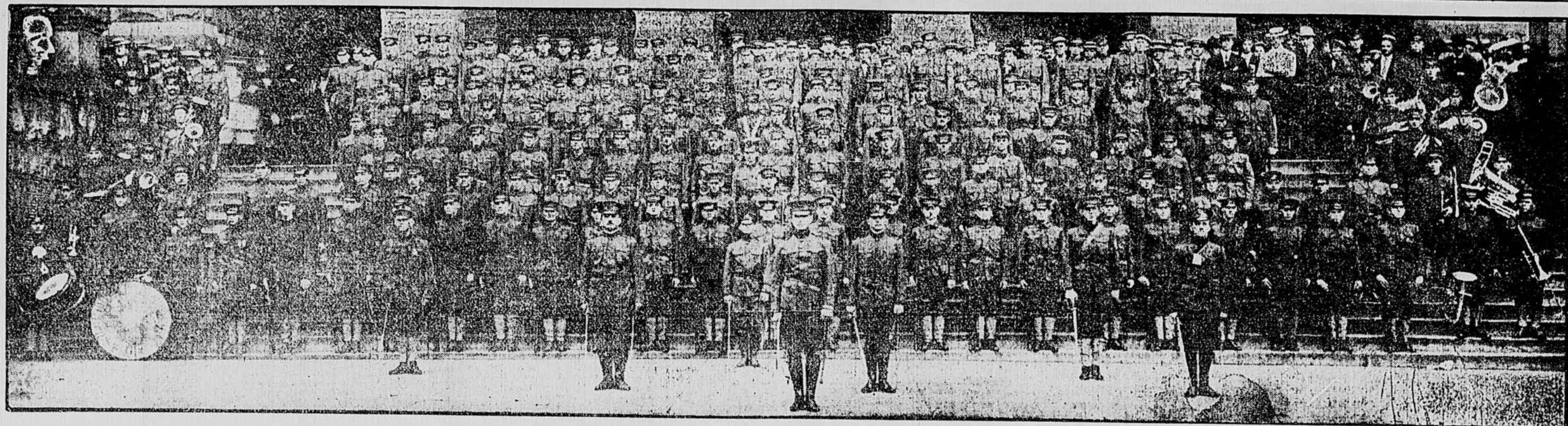


RICHMOND LIGHT INFANTRY BLUES ABOUT TO ENTRAIN



This picture of the Blues, commanded by Major Howles, was taken on one of the battalion's previous trips.

BLUES BATTALION ARRIVES IN CAMP

Local Militiamen Make Early Start and Begin Week of Duty at Basic City.

Traveling on a special train of seven coaches, the Richmond Light Infantry Blues Battalion, composed of four companies and a band, left yesterday morning at 7:45 o'clock over the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, for Basic City where it went into the annual encampment of one week. The trip was made in less than four hours, and the Blues were settled comfortably in camp before daylight.

Under Command of Major E. W. Howles, approximately 250 men and officers made the trip. Last year the Blues were excused from camp duty, and spent the time in the New England States, returning the visits of several Northern organizations, and as a consequence the compulsory attendance rule was strictly adhered to this year, and no excuse except sickness was accepted. When the assembly was sounded yesterday morning it was found that nearly the entire command was in uniform.

Ready at Daybreak. Long before daybreak the enlisted men began to gather in the army at Sixth and Marshall Streets. Many of them slept all night in the building in order that they would be on time. Promptly at the stroke of 7 o'clock, the battalion began its move to the station.

In heavy marching order, with blanket rolls on their backs, the men stepped rapidly off behind the stirring strains from the band. On the arrival at the depot, the men quickly entrained. Guards were posted at the doors to see that none left the coaches, and the special pulled out on the minute. Charlottesville was passed at 10:28 A. M., and the little village of Basic was reached just one hour later. Tents and other camp equipment had been shipped and were being unloaded at the campsite. Captain R. M. Ridgwood and a detail of eight men went to Basic City last Thursday to prepare the camp site. On arrival at 12 o'clock, the headquarters of the camp were set up. The tents, which had been pitched, and the companies immediately began to erect the tented city. Long before noon all sounded late, the afternoon, the last day had been driven, and with a hearty appetite the men fell in for the first time.

Plenty of Work for Men. While camps, in former years, were considered an ideal place to spend a vacation, Major Howles will see that the drill and military routine and regulations. Long hikes will be dispensed with, but the days will be filled with hard work. There will be drill, and military exercises, and dress parade will be followed in guard mount every day.

No shortages were permitted on the trip. Necessary toilet articles, such as brushes, soap, and towels, were packed into knapsacks and blanket rolls. In this manner it was seen that no unnecessary baggage was carried. The men were each given a cut and matted hair, and a haircut was given in the tents. They had arranged the camp vans rooms into serviceable, if not comfortable homes for the week's stay.

Second Time on Site. This second time in two years that the Blues have occupied the same site. The camp is pitched on a high, almost level plateau, at the foot of the mountains overlooking the little town of Basic City. The site is high, dry and healthy, convenient to the Shenandoah River and sufficiently near the railroad to make the hauling of supplies easy. Water is piped over the grounds, and shower baths installed. The daily routine that has been mapped out follows:

First call, 5:30 A. M.; reveille, 5:45; fatigue duty, 6:15; mess, 6:30; roll call, 7; company drill, 7:30; roll call, 8:30; mess, 12 noon; noncommissioned officers' school, 2 to 3 P. M.; battalion drill, 3:30; roll call, 4:30; battalion parade, 6; mess, 6:30; call to quarters, 8:30; tattoo, 9:45; tap, 10.

KOINER REPLIES TO W. T. MITCHELL

Commissioner of Agriculture Says That Charges Made Against Him Are Not True.

ATTACK WAS MADE BEFORE In Contest Four Years Ago, He Declares, the Same Allegations Were Published.

"Not a word of truth in it," was what Commissioner of Agriculture George W. Koiner said last night when asked for a statement concerning the charges made by W. T. Mitchell, of Campbell County, alleging irregularities in the inspection of fertilizers, and adding that Mr. Koiner suppressed letters and papers calling the attention of the State Board of Agriculture to the matter.

Mr. Mitchell's charges, which were published in the last issue of the Altavista Journal, were republished yesterday in The Times-Dispatch.

When asked for a reply to Mr. Mitchell's statement, Mr. Koiner said: "This is the same stuff that Mitchell published four years ago in the previous contest. There is not a word of truth in it. Mitchell is no farmer; he is a dog trainer."

Reflections on Inspectors. "His reflections on the inspectors of fertilizers," Commissioner Koiner continued, "are unjust. These men, Messrs. Moore and Hurdley, are Christian gentlemen of sterling character, and have previously answered Mitchell."

In his statement, Mr. Mitchell said he learned that the fertilizer inspectors were derelict in performing their duties by failing to examine hundreds of tons of commercial fertilizers, which were being sold to farmers of Campbell County. He said he wrote the Commissioner of Agriculture calling his attention to the matter, but there was no change in the situation. After a second letter to Mr. Koiner, Mr. Mitchell stated, he received a reply from one of the inspectors.

C. & O. ABANDONS ONE-HALF OF WORK

Suspension of Improvement Construction Due to Unsettled Financial Conditions.

Due largely, it was said, to unsettled financial conditions brought on by the situation of the tariff question, the C. & O. has suspended the construction of the Shenandoah River and the effects of which are world-wide, work of adding improvements to the entire system of the Chesapeake and Ohio has within the past few days, been cut nearly in per cent.

"The suspension of this work," said Vice-President M. J. Carlin last night, "will be only temporary. That which has been abandoned consisted of small jobs, such as the installation of battery switches. I expect it will be only a short while before we resume all of these operations. The need for these improvements is not at all pressing, but wherever they are needed we are going ahead. The work at New Port News has not been interrupted."

Mr. Carlin admitted that suspension of this work was a direct result of the scarcity of money, although he did not consider the situation in the least alarming, adding that business conditions were good, and that of the Chesapeake and Ohio, especially so. "Our coal business was never better," he said.

NEARLY READY FOR POLICE PICNIC

Tickets for Annual Event Will Be Placed on Sale To-Day. Plans Going Ahead.

While the gunshoe squad keeps close upon the trail of the crooks and the uniformed officers patrol their beats as usual, Richmond's policemen find ample time to discuss and make preparations for their annual picnic, which is going to be held July 30 at the State Fair Grounds.

And it is going to be "some picnic." Wrestling bouts and other athletic events will prove a big drawing card for many, but the important entertainment promise to make the real fun of the occasion.

Sergeant "Jim" Sowell, who, when on dress parade resembles the German Emperor because of the force with which he gives his mustache, will be conspicuous by performing the duties of dishwasher. "Red" Warriner has agreed to act as water-carrier for "Jack" Sale, who, as usual, will be the chief and see that the department's reputation for the finest Brunswick stew to be had in the State, is not lost.

Squire "Pat" McCarthy and "Lou" Bernucci, their friends say, are preparing a one-act skit, but the title has not yet been disclosed.

The committee in charge of the picnic-to-day will begin the sale of tickets, and it is believed that the receipts this year will be the largest which have ever been added to the treasury of the Police Benevolent Association from this source.

Owing to his illness Sergeant Kraft, one of the committee, will be unable to act. Other members of the committee are as follows: Sergeant P. L. Nelson, chairman; C. M. Johnson, Sergeant J. L. Zimmer, W. D. Schell, J. J. Smith and W. E. Waymack.

Young Paper Thief Nabbed. Elmer Thompson, a 20-year-old negro, was arrested yesterday morning by Patrolman W. E. Clarke for stealing copies of The Times-Dispatch from doorways in the West End.

Just after the Civil War, she said, Jo Lane Stern, a youngster, now a lieutenant-colonel and inspector-general of the Virginia militia, was a student at Washington and Lee College, of which her father, General Lee, was president. One day Miss Mary Custis Lee was anxious to procure a bundle of celery from a farmer living about three miles from Lexington. She had no one to send, and in her perplexity she turned to young Stern, promising him, if he would bring her the celery, he might ride Traveler to the farmer's house. Colonel Stern thereupon caught the horse, which was running in a paddock, and enjoyed the greatest ride of his life.

Miss Lee further said, that excepting her brother, Captain Robert E. Lee, Colonel Stern is the only man now living who had ridden General Lee's charger.

"I said 'man,'" added Miss Lee, "for I have often ridden Traveler."

'SEPTEMBER MORN' IN CITY GUISSE

Two Young Women Bathe on Front Porch, Saying House Was Hot.

Chattanooga, along with Richmond and Rochester, is in the public eye, not on account of split skirts and "September Morn," but because of the back-to-nature habits of two young women, who insisted upon taking a bath in the open air on the front porch of their residence.

Here's what a Chattanooga telegram says: "Judge Martin Fleming fined Annie and Ollie Atwood \$10 on behalf of the city and \$50 additional on behalf of the State. The young women took the fines with composure and even smiled. Judge Fleming is an admirer of art for art's sake, he is even said to be able to see artistic beauty in 'September Morn,' and similar much-talked-of pictures. He, like other judges here, has refrained from interfering with either the scantiness of thinness of woman's attire in Chattanooga."

However, when neighbors of the Atwood girls telephoned, complaining that they were being shocked by their discovery, Chief Hill thought that something must be done. He sent a police lieutenant to investigate. According to that official, he found two young women taking a bath on the front porch when he arrived. He immediately placed them under arrest. The girls did not deny the charge. They said the weather was too warm for a bath indoors."

Captures Five of Six Gamblers. Single-handed, Mounted Police Officer Allen yesterday succeeded in capturing five of six herpetes found gambling at 25 Hermitage Road. When the officer discovered them they were engaged in a game known among their race as "skin." The first of the gamblers who saw Allen succeeded in making his escape, but the others were trapped before they realized what had happened, and were sent to the Second Police Station.

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Reached by Good Roads. One of the best features of the park site is its easy accessibility by teams and automobiles. Two excellent gravel roads lead directly to it from South Richmond, while it can be reached from the interior of the county by several others. The country through which the electric line will run is generally level, and is one of the most progressive sections around Richmond.

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GETS TWO CALLS

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TO RUN CAR LINE IN CHESTERFIELD

Southside Men Are Promoting Electric Service From Swansboro to Falling Creek.

South Richmond and Chesterfield business men of prominence are behind the scheme. It is proposed to capitalize the concern at \$250,000, and the incorporation papers are now being drawn. John C. Robertson, of Forest Hill, is at the head of the new company. The actual construction work would have been started, it is stated, several weeks ago had not certain property holders along the proposed route withdrawn promises of a right of way through their grounds. These differences it is expected, will be settled in a few days and the construction started shortly.

Will Construct Park. The company proposes to construct terminals at both ends of its line, and to acquire enough acreage to establish a park at Falling Creek. A dam of concrete is to be erected and an artificial lake made. All forms of amusement devices will be built by the company. The site selected for the park is naturally situated for a pleasure resort. The water supply from the creek is clear and is sufficient to supply a good sized lake. The surroundings of the place are admirable and would make an excellent picnic ground. In addition to the regulation amusements, the heating, bathing and fishing would be excellent.

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Plans for the organization of a company of Infantry, to be located in South Richmond, are rapidly maturing. An application for recognition by the State military authorities, will probably be made to Governor Mann the latter part of the week, as more than half the required number of recruits have been signed up.

ANNIE DID NOT GO TO THE WHITE CITY

She Lands Walter Behind Bars, but Misses Children of Israel Excursion.

Annie Harris, better known to her Seventeenth Street associates as "Railroad Annie," was going to leave last night with the Children of Israel on an annual excursion to the White City, near Norfolk, but she did not go.

WANTED TO SELL CHAIR

Patrolman Finds Man With Furniture On Hunk Walking Through Street.

When Patrolman Warriner saw a white man walking through Eighteenth Street early yesterday morning with a big wicker rocking chair on his back, his suspicion was aroused, and he quietly watched the movements of the stranger. He saw him accost several persons, and in a few minutes learned the object of his observation was trying to sell the chair for 25 cents.

WALKING BLIND TIGERS

Negroes Accused of Retailing Liquor by the Drink Without License.

Norman Brown and Oliver Ogden, negroes, were arrested yesterday by Patrolman Sweet on the charge of selling whiskey without a license.

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